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Indonesian human rights team to visit Dili

Indonesian human rights organisations are to send four people to Dili tomorrow, Wednesday, 20 November, to investigate the situation there, following the Santa Cruz massacre and subsequent repression, including the extrajudicial killing of 80 detainees in Bemos. The [illegible] in this mission are:

Ms. Amartiwi Saleh, former chair of the Bandung Legal Aid Institute (LBH-Bandung)

J.C. Princen, chair of the League for the Defence of Human Rights (LPHAM).

Michael Chandra, of the New Life foundation (Yayasan Hidup Baru).

Abdul Rany Yunsih, an ex-political prisoner, convicted as a Muslim preacher during the crackdown of Muslim activists in 1984.

So far, only Amartiwi Saleh has received permission from the authorities to go to Dili. Michael Chandra was summoned this afternoon by the police, after today's demonstration in Jakarta.

Some additional information about today's demonstration in Jakarta

The police used against the demonstration were from the Anti-Riot Squad, known as Sabhara. When the police started to obstruct the demonstrators, the unarmed East Timorese fought back, before being forced into the waiting vehicles.

Several activists from Infight, which supported today's demonstration, are being sought by the authorities and have gone into hiding.

UN Special Rapporteur on Torture refused permission to visit Aceh.

Professor Kooijmans, the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture, who visited Indonesia earlier this month, was refused permission by the Indonesian Government to visit Aceh, where mass killings have occurred and numerous cases of torture have been reported. In a letter to Lord Avebury, chair of the UK's Parliamentary Human Rights Group, Jan Martenson, UN Under-Secretary-General of Human Rights said: "The Government referred in this connection to 'the difficulties in arranging a visit to the province (of Aceh), due to the shortage of time and the heavy schedule of the officials concerned."